

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice CRP-412**

**For:** State and County Offices

**Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)  
Memorandum of Agreement Reauthorization**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Reauthorizing CREP Memorandums of Agreement**

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**Background**

All CREP Agreements are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2002, with the exception of the Minnesota Agreement which will expire on September 30, 2002.

On May 13, 2002, the President signed into law the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 which extended CRP enrollment authority through December 31, 2007.

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**Purpose**

This notice provides instructions for submitting requests to reauthorize CREP Agreements through calendar year 2007.

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**Requests**

State Offices are encouraged to review, consult with appropriate State Government authority, and, if applicable, submit a request to DAFFP through the Conservation and Environmental Programs Division (CEPD) to extend CREP Agreements applicable for their State by COB November 22, 2002.

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**Disposal Date**

January 1, 2003

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**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and  
NRCS State Offices

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#### Action

State Offices shall:

- contact the State Government authority to determine if continuing the CREP Agreement is feasible
  - upon consensus to continue the CREP Agreement, request the State Government authority to forward to DAFP through CEPD:
    - a cover letter requesting authority to continue CREP:
      - for a specified time up to COB December 31, 2007
      - by COB November 22, 2002
    - two one-page addendums to the current CRP Agreement with authority to extend program authority for a specified time up to COB December 31, 2007, each with an original signature by the applicable signing authority
  - after contacting the applicable State Government authority, report to CEPD the CREP Agreements for which an extension of time will not be sought.
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